

## NEWS RELEASE

**Small Grain Summary  
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### 2003 SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION ESTIMATES

#### North Dakota

**Other spring wheat** production for 2003 is estimated at 253 million bushels, up 53 percent when compared to last year, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage harvested for grain, at 6.40 million, was up 2 percent from August and 8 percent from last year. Yield averaged 39.5 bushels per acre, up 3.5 bushels from August and 11.5 bushels higher than last year. This was the highest average yield since 1992 when the yield was a record high 42 bushels per acre.

**Durum wheat** production is estimated at 58.4 million bushels, up 17 percent from August and 20 percent from 2002. Harvested acres, at 1.98 million, were up 2 percent from last year. The yield averaged 29.5 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from August and 4.5 bushels from last year.

**Winter wheat** production is estimated at 5.88 million bushels, down from 2.66 million bushels in 2002. Harvested acres totaled 120,000 compared to 70,000 last year. The yield was 49 bushels per acre, up 11 bushels from last year.

**All wheat** production is estimated at 317 million bushels, up 46 percent from last year. Acreage harvested for grain totaled 8.50 million compared to 7.92 million acres in 2002. The yield was 37.3 bushels per acre, up 37 percent from last year.

**Barley** production is estimated at 119 million bushels, up 5 percent from August and 108 percent from 2002. Acreage harvested for grain, at 1.98 million, was 60 percent higher than last year. Yield averaged 60 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from August and 14 bushels when compared to last year.

**Oat** production is estimated at 21.2 million bushels, up 66 percent from 2002. Acreage harvested for grain, at 360,000, was up 70,000 from last year's drought reduced acreage. The yield was 59 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from August and 15 bushels from 2002.

**Rye** production is estimated at 750,000 bushels, up 119 percent from last year. Harvested acres totaled 15,000 as compared to 9,000 last year. The yield was a record high 50.0 bushels per acre, up 12 bushels per acre from last year.

#### United States

**Other spring wheat** production in 2003 is estimated at 533 million bushels, up 8 percent from the last forecast and 35 percent above 2002. Harvested area is 13.4 million acres, slightly lower than last year. The U.S. yield is 39.7 bushels per acre, 10.4 bushels better than last year's drought reduced crop.

**Durum wheat** production for 2003 totaled 96.6 million bushels, up 11 percent from August 1 and 22 percent more than last year. Grain area harvested totaled 2.87 million acres, 6 percent above a year ago. The U.S. yield is estimated at 33.7 bushels per acre, 4.3 bushels per acre above 2002.

**Winter wheat** production is estimated at 1.71 billion bushels. This is down less than 1 percent from the August forecast but 49 percent above last year's drought reduced crop. The yield is estimated at 46.7 bushels per acre, 8.2 bushels above last year's final yield, and the third highest yield on record. Acreage for grain is estimated at 36.5 million acres, 23 percent above 2002.

**All wheat** production totaled 2.34 billion bushels in 2003, 44 percent above 2002. Grain area is 52.8 million acres, up 15 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 44.2 bushels per acre, up 8.9 bushels from a year ago.

**Barley** production is estimated at 276 million bushels, down 2 percent from the last forecast but up 22 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at 58.9 bushels, is 4.0 bushels above 2002. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 4.69 million acres, 14 percent above a year ago.

**Oat** production is estimated at 145 million bushels, 4 percent below the August 1 forecast but 22 percent above last year's 119 million bushels. The estimated yield is 65.0 bushels per acre, up 8.3 bushels from a year ago. Harvested area is 2.22 million acres, 6 percent above last year.

**Rye** production for 2003 is estimated at 9.25 million bushels, up 33 percent from last year's near record low. Harvested area totaled 339,000 acres, 21 percent above 2002. The U.S. yield, at 27.3 bushels per acre, is up 2.5 bushels from last year.

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SMALL GRAINS ANNUAL SUMMARY: AREA PLANTED AND HARVESTED  
NORTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, 2002 AND 2003

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres	
Barley	1,600	2,050	1,240	1,980	5,071	5,299	4,129	4,688
Oats	670	620	290	360	4,995	4,601	2,093	2,224
Rye	10	18	9	15	1,395	1,368	281	339
Wheat, All	9,080	8,630	7,920	8,500	60,468	61,700	45,917	52,839
Winter	80	130	70	120	41,845	44,945	29,751	36,541
Durum	2,100	2,000	1,950	1,980	2,909	2,915	2,703	2,869
Other Spring	6,900	6,500	5,900	6,400	15,714	13,840	13,463	13,429

SMALL GRAINS ANNUAL SUMMARY: YIELD AND PRODUCTION  
NORTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, 2002 AND 2003

Crop	Unit	North Dakota				United States			
		Yield		Production		Yield		Production	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
				1,000				1,000	
Barley	Bu	46.0	60.0	57,040	118,800	54.9	58.9	226,573	276,087
Oats	Bu	44.0	59.0	12,760	21,240	56.7	65.0	118,628	144,649
Rye	Bu	38.0	50.0	342	750	24.8	27.3	6,955	9,254
Wheat, All	Bu	27.3	37.3	216,610	317,090	35.3	44.2	1,619,001	2,336,526
Winter	Bu	38.0	49.0	2,660	5,880	38.5	46.7	1,145,602	1,707,069
Durum	Bu	25.0	29.5	48,750	58,410	29.4	33.7	79,450	96,637
Other Spring	Bu	28.0	39.5	165,200	252,800	29.3	39.7	393,949	532,820

